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Frats, sororities snubbed by SSMU

BY SARA MAYO

After more than three hours of debate, the council of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) voted last Thursday to not grant club status to the Inter Greek Letter Council.

Fraternities and sororities were recognized by the Students' Society until 1989, when the Judicial Board of SSMU ruled that the Inter Fraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council (representing sororities) violated SSMU's constitution because they discriminated on the basis of sex.

Last year, fraternities and sororities joined to create an umbrella organization, the Inter-Greek Letter Council (IGLC), in an attempt to create a co-ed organization. They then used this organization to apply for club status with SSMU.

Over 60 students packed the south end of the Shatner Cafeteria to listen to the debate, many wearing Greek letters on their shirts, jackets, and baseball caps. Law representative Adam Atlas noted the size of the crowd, but added that "enthusiasm does not guide us in all subjects."

Lawrence Wilk, speaking on behalf of IGLC, explained that the goals of IGLC are to raise money for charity and to organize social events. Engineering representative Rocco Varano commented that "[members of IGLC] have tons of spirit, and spirit is what McGill needs right now."

"This is not about how much charity [work] IGLC does, it's about the constitutionality of IGLC," said a student in the gallery.

That constitutionality was based on whether IGLC is discriminatory. SSMU's constitution forbids it from supporting or even dealing with any groups that practice discrimination.

Section 2.3 of SSMU's constitution forbids discrimination on the basis of sex, race, sexual orientation, and social class, among others. There is, however, a stipulation that a group like the Women's Union can exclude men from their membership because it represents a disadvantaged group, and acts to counter discrimination.

IGLC members argued that their council does not discriminate because both men and women can be members. Wilk pointed out that IGLC's constitution also forbids discrimination, adding that humiliating initiation rites are prohibited.

Some councilors were not persuaded by that argument. "[IGLC] is saying 'look at the whole, don't look at the details'. Is that in

the spirit of the constitution?" asked Chris Sticking, Senate Board rep.

Speaking against IGLC, Amin Kassam, residence representative, quoted the 1989 judicial board ruling, that said for an umbrella organization to become accredited "the constituent groups must also be bound by SSMU constitution." He added that recognizing IGLC would set a "dangerous precedent."

The discrimination clause of SSMU's constitution was taken very lightly by some councilors. "The goals of IGLC outweigh the constitution," said Varano.

Lisa Grushcow, Arts representative, told councilors that the constitution is very important and could not be ignored.

Another concern raised was the fees that fraternities and sororities charge and, therefore, whether or not they are discriminatory on the basis of financial means. Wilk explained that students only have to pay \$2.50 to become a member of IGLC.

When directly asked what the fees were to join a fraternity or sorority, Danielle Richardson, IGLC president, admitted, "individual

fraternities and sororities do have dues to pay. I pay \$200 per semester."

Yet the debate continued to focus mainly on the issue of gender discrimination. The KKK was brought up several times during the meeting. "If the KKK said 'blacks can join our organization', they are still racist," said Club rep Chris Carter.

IGLC VP external Natalie Frank responded, "You can't assume that people are discriminatory if they're members of the KKK, just because the KKK has discriminated in the

past." SSMU president Sevag Yeghoyan agreed with this assessment.

"This is the most blatant form of discrimination," he told councilors. "You're looking [at members of IGLC] as if they're rapists. They're not, they're McGill students."

Yeghoyan was the only executive member present that spoke for IGLC.

After council voted 13-11 not to recognize IGLC, Wilk stated that the decision will be appealed to the Judicial Board.

Housing advocates criticise Doré Vision Montréal seen as a bad alternative

BY PHIL ASHTON

Le Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain (FRAPRU), kicked off a campaign last Thursday to force social housing issues onto the municipal electoral agenda.

The need for such a focus according to FRAPRU, a provincial social action group, which focuses on housing and urban development issues, is clear. Currently, over 63,000 tenant-households in Montréal pay more than half of their income for shelter. FRAPRU also pointed to the existence of some 15,000 to 20,000 homeless people in the city as evidence that Montréal is facing a housing crisis.

According to FRAPRU, the City of Montréal has rapidly lost its status as one of the most activist Canadian municipalities in the area of social housing—a reputation developed since the Montréal Citizens' Movement (MCM) took power at City Hall in 1986.

With the help of Federal and Provincial cost-sharing programs, the City of Montréal produced some 10,000 new social-housing units between 1987 and 1993. However, this amount fell short of the goal of 50,000 units, established in the MCM administration's 1989 Housing Policy.

According to Patrick Allin of Alerte Centre-Sud, one of FRAPRU's member organizations, nowhere is the need for social housing more evident than in Centre-Sud, on the eastern edge of downtown. "Centre-Sud is one of poorest neighborhoods in Montréal," Allin said.

FRAPRU accused the MCM of retreating from its responsibility to pressure the Provincial and Federal governments to continue to fund the development of social housing.

projet résidentiel intégré coordonné par la Société d'habitation et de développement de Montréal



Advocates protest lack of funding for social housing.

Allin pointed to Faubourg-Québec, a large housing development under construction in the southern section of the neighborhood, as an example of the ambivalent approach of the current MCM administration.

"The City has allocated space in this development for a total of 350 social housing units. But it's just an allocation of space—there are no funds available to realize those units," Allin said. Currently, the only units under construction are high-priced condominiums.

FRAPRU has expressed concern that Pierre Bourque's Vision Montréal party, considered by many to be the major challenger to the MCM in this November's municipal election, would only continue the trend towards ambitious, market-oriented projects, which provide no

relief to Montréal's housing crisis.

"Vision Montréal's discourse is really confused," said Pierre Hamel, also of Alerte Centre-Sud. "They say in their program that they support social housing. But when they talk in public, it's only private-sector housing and the plight of the middle-class that they seem worried about."

Hamel also pointed to the number of candidates running under the Vision Montréal banner who are openly hostile to social housing. Such candidates include Pierre Gagnier (Cartierville) and Giovanni di Michele (Marc-Aurèle Fortin).

Hamel said that he feels the voices of more progressive candidates with Vision Montréal, like Pierre Goyer (St-Edouard) and Pierre-Yves Melançon (Cote-des-

Neiges), will not be heard within a party that is so overwhelmingly oriented towards private-sector housing solutions.

Vision Montréal has called for the construction of 14,000 private-sector housing units in the city over the next 4 years. It also said that it wants to simplify the rules for the conversion of rental units to condominiums, and that it favours a tax-credit program to lure home-buyers into Montréal from the suburbs.

FRAPRU has organized a debate among the Mayoral candidates of the four major parties vying for seats on Council to clarify what it calls "unsatisfying answers" to questions about housing issues. The debate will take place October 24th at 13h30 at 1212 Panet. For more information, call FRAPRU at 522-1010.

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**New
computing
centre**

BY TAMAR MILSTEIN

Science students hassled by nonexistent software, limited computing terminals, and generally lacking computer facilities, may not have reason to be by the year's end.

According to club Vice President Drew Moncars, last year's Science Undergraduate Society's council set a referendum to provide funds to upgrade the existing computing system and to establish a SUS computing center.

"They [the council] felt there was a lack of computing resources on campus for science students," said Moncars.

As a result of that decision, science undergraduates pay \$17.50 a semester in student fees. These funds, a total of approximately \$50,000, are currently in the hands of the Twenty First Century Fund (TFCF), the administering organization for many fundraising campaigns at McGill. The TFCF, together with the SUS, will be dividing this money between science computing facilities and a work-study program for science students.

Moncars believes that having a full-time staff member from the TFCF has been a tremendous advantage. The SUS "can extract and allocate 100% of [their] money," and the TFCF can use the students' contributions "as a bargaining tool [among other potential contributors] to show what students are capable of accomplishing."

"Hopefully by the end of this year, be it an extension of an existing lab or be it a new lab, I hope to open something," commented the club vice president.

Currently a student task force headed by Moncars is creating a "survey of what science students feel is lacking on campus in terms of computing needs and how they think the situation can be rectified," said Moncars.

Alan Greenberg, director of the Computing Center, recognized the need for faculties to take responsibility for their distinct needs. "McGill has a very definite policy," he said. "We are moving in a direction where computing facilities are the responsibility of the faculty involved."

Greenberg stressed the fact that although the Computing Centre is charged to assist faculties with their computing needs by providing expertise and partially subsidizing such a project, it is not mandated "to provide work station based computing."

He said that 15 years ago McGill made the decision to get away from central operations and have faculties and departments manage their own terminal rooms.

"A conscious decision was made that as computers became a part of the infrastructure of the university, the respective faculties were given

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Child support tax system discriminatory

Subsidy to fathers threatens children and single mothers

BY RACHEL LUNDGREN

On October 4 the federal government launched an appeal of the decision made by the Federal Court of Appeals in May, that the taxation of child support payments is discriminatory.

Five years ago, Suzanne Thibadeau, from Trois-Rivières, refused to declare her child support payments as taxable income and filed a suit against the Federal government alleging that the support income was actually the children's money and therefore not taxable.

After losing the case, she appealed to the Federal Court of Appeals, where she argued that paying tax on child support was discrimination on the basis of sex.

This time she won, but with a catch. Justice Huggessen decided it was not discrimination against women, because there are a few custodial parents who are men, but granted her the decision based on discrimination of family status. If she and her husband had still been married, money given to her for the children would not be taxed as her income. In winning the case, Thibadeau has been excused from paying taxes on her support payments. Other custodial parents, however, have yet to be affected by the judgement.

The *Income Tax Act* has a fifty year old inclusion/deduction system whereby custodial parents (98 per cent of whom are women) are taxed on the child support they receive and the non-custodial parents (overwhelmingly men) deduct the payments from their own taxes.

While women pay \$330 million a year in taxes on child support payments, men deduct twice that amount from their taxes. The federal government loses the difference which they claim is a subsidy to divorced families.

Support from lobby groups

The National Association of Women and the Law (NAWL) said in a brief, "...the tax paid directly reduces the income available to the custodial parent to spend on the children. The current system effectively taxes the parent who can least afford it."

According to the brief, because the system takes money away from the children's provider, it is difficult for them to make ends meet and the children's basic needs are threatened.

A large number of national organizations have distributed communiqués concerning this case and the inclusion/deduction system. Thus, it is not a simple case of who pays the tax; it is a multifaceted problem of single mothers losing a battle to provide the necessary resources for themselves and their children.

Maureen Baker, from McGill's School of Social Work reported that women more likely than men to be affected by the inclusion/deduction system. "Single mothers are three to four times more likely to be in poverty than single fathers," she said.

This is supported by an excerpt from the case of Thibadeau vs. Her Majesty the Queen, which quotes 1988 Taxation Statistics from Revenue Canada. It says that 60 per cent of the support payers that year were in the top two income brackets prior to the deduction of support payments. This means that over half of the ex-husbands are financially successful.

Practically 90 per cent of the support payment recipients were either non-taxable or in the lowest tax bracket. After the inclusion of child support in their income, 80 per cent of recipients are still either non-taxable or in



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the lowest tax bracket.

According to the notes prepared for a federal task force by the National Anti-Poverty Organization (NAPO), "These figures demonstrate the great disparity of income between support recipients (who are mostly women with children) and support payers (who are mostly men)."

Women tend to be in low-paying, part-time jobs without equal pay. In 1992, Statistics Canada reported the poverty rate among

incentive that doesn't work?" A more pertinent question may be: why should men need an incentive to pay for their children's welfare?

Another issue affecting the payment of child support is that many judges and lawyers do not consider tax implications when attempting to decide upon the level of support the custodial parent should receive.

A compounding factor is that frequently settlements are determined outside of the

for the calendar year. The tax on support payments would be deducted at the source so that the money the single mothers receive would be the original payment minus the tax and, therefore, entirely theirs to spend on their children.

NAWL proposed a limited tax credit relief to the father, which would work like a triangle so that the deduction would decrease as the parent's income increased (as opposed to the present proportional payment system). This system of credit would only be available to fathers who are on time with their payments, and would be "tax neutral" so that the government would not have to provide a subsidy.

Other models

Baker took a self proclaimed "radical stance" and said, "There should be no tax deductions for child support at all."

She has done research on the issue of taxation of child support and has found that several other countries, like Sweden, do not consider child support income to be taxable, since it is meant for children.

The NAPO also uses Sweden as an example, because their poverty rate is only eight per cent and they have been able to reduce poverty among single-parent families. Canada's poverty rate is 50 per cent.

In Sweden, the non-custodial parent gives the support payment to the State, who then pays the custodial parent. If the non-custodial parent does not pay on time, the custodial parent will continue to receive support and the State is responsible for retrieving the funds from the owing parent. NAPO suggests a similar plan be instated in Canada.

Still, some believe that there is hope for change in the future. "The government is listening to the ideas of task groups and national organizations because they have to — even if the case isn't upheld, there is so much public sympathy [that a resolution for change is inevitable]," said Williams.

While women pay \$330 million a year in taxes on child support payments, men deduct twice that amount from their taxes. The federal government loses the difference which they claim is a "subsidy" to divorced families.

single mothers at 58.4 per cent. Women receiving child support have a difficult time making ends meet, let alone putting money away for taxes.

According to the system, the amount of possible deduction increases proportionally to the income of the non-custodial parent. However, women who improve their financial situation and, therefore, move into a higher tax bracket, are penalized for their effort by having to pay more tax on child support payments.

Tax deduction no incentive to pay

The tax deduction was originally installed to encourage men to pay their child support and make higher payments. But, according to a brief by NAPO, the statistics in 1987 revealed that only 25 per cent of single mothers in Canada were actually receiving their child support payments. In response, Baker has asked, "What is the point of having an

court, resulting in lower payments. NAWL observed that parties should not settle outside of court because this option ignores the fact that women do not always have equal bargaining power with their partners. A *Gazette* article in June mentioned a case in which a judge "was astonished that a woman with two children could spend a whopping eighty dollars a week on groceries. The judge later admitted that he hadn't been grocery shopping for thirty-five or forty years."

Several groups have proposed reforms, and the unifying factor is the elimination of the inclusion/deduction system. Amy Williams of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women has suggested that "in order to qualify for the deduction of child support payments from annual income, the tax payments must be prepaid by the payer, and the payer must have paid all the child support payments on time."

According to this plan, if payments are late or incomplete, there would be no deduction

Candidates discuss environment

Mayoral hopefuls true to form

By ROBIN PERELLE

On Thursday, October 13, Montréal's four mayoral candidates debated environmental issues at l'Institut des sciences et de l'environnement of the Université du Québec à Montréal. Their answers yielded no surprises.

Pierre Bourque, the leader of Vision Montréal, played his usual environmentally conscious role, but offered no concrete solutions to the problems he claimed are plaguing Montréal.

"It's a new era, and a profound change in attitude is necessary, something that neither Mr. Doré nor Mr. Choquette are in a position to understand," said Bourque in his opening statement.

Throughout the debate, Bourque insisted that the quality of life in Montréal has been steadily deteriorating, and that an improvement is long overdue.

"The reality is that the city of Montréal is dirty. The time has come for us to take action," he said. Exactly what action he intends to take is not clear.

Yolande Cohen, leader of the Democratic Coalition-Ecology Montréal agreed that conditions under Doré's administration have deteriorated, but she blamed it on specific reasons such as urban flight.

"Clearly, the process of urban sprawl must be stopped," said Cohen in her opening statement. "The city of Montréal must provide its inhabitants with the services they need, before they go look for them elsewhere... Then we'll also be able to stop building up all those autoroutes," she said.

Currently sweeping cities throughout North America, the phenomenon of urban flight is draining tax revenue from downtown cores and depositing the needed funds in the coffers of suburban city councils. As more and more taxpayers flee to outlying areas, services in the downtown core must be maintained on fewer contributions, even though they are still shared by almost every commuter in the Greater Montréal area.

Jean Doré, Montréal's current mayor and leader of the ruling Montréal Citizens Movement (MCM), insisted that his administration's environmental record has been good, overseeing such positive steps as decreasing waste and favoring research.

"For us, the environment is more

than just an aesthetic issue... The Biodôme, for example, is not just a museum anymore, but an important centre for environmental research... Montréal is an environmental city and we are on the right track," Doré said.

Equally true to form, Jérôme Choquette, the right-wing leader of the Montréalers' Party, played the environmental adversary, maintaining that the implementation of sound fiscal policies should be the highest priority, regardless of the environmental consequences of such policies.

"We have to balance dreams with financial means," said Choquette. "So while Pierre Bourque and Yolande Cohen made noble speeches, they have to return to earth." He did not specify what such a "return" would entail.

The candidates were then forced to deal with the concrete question of the future of Montréal's public transportation system.

Bourque responded quickly that his party unequivocally favors public transportation.

"The public transit network is the key to bringing people downtown. It is important for the revitalization of our city's core," said Bourque.

Cohen firmly supported the use of public transportation as well, though cautioned the city to use its resources carefully.

"It is a fundamental commitment, but we have to make the investment carefully," said Cohen, referring to the necessity to extend bus lines primarily to areas where the population is densest.

Doré maintained that his administration has clearly shown its commitment to public transportation in recent years, and has made considerable progress to boot. The mainly student audience seemed relatively willing to support this claim.

"Even when the provincial government stopped funding our transit network, we kept it up because we considered it important. We stabilized the system in 1993 and it's growing now. We added Infobus among other things," said Doré. "We made it a priority."

"We're not enemies of cars, but we do have to discourage polluting cars in favour of more efficient means of transportation," he added.

The students, who primarily rely on buses and bike lanes to get around in this city, were much less

receptive and were even alarmed by Choquette's response.

"I am for public transportation, but one can't deny the importance of cars in the society we live in," said Choquette. "People who want to decrease the amount of available parking have lost touch with reality... if we want our downtown area to remain vital we have to let cars in."

"We could implement subterranean parking lots..." he mused as the audience broke into uneasy laughter.

Talk then turned to the candidates' position on reserved bus lanes and bike paths. Choquette just smiled and passed on his turn to comment, but the others were much more positive.

"We are definitely pro-reserved bus lanes," Doré began. "For one thing they reduce smog and air pollution, and they have also resulted in more people using those bus lines because they bring them straight and fast to the centre of town," he said. He also noted that 30 per cent more commuters have switched to taking the bus since the implementation of the reserved bus lanes.

Bourque took up the call for bus lanes and bike paths but added nothing new to the discussion.

Cohen, who was president of Vélo Québec during the '80s, insisted that Doré's administration has not done enough. She claimed that there is still a desperate need for more bike paths. She stressed the need for paths which will not just be used for Sunday recreation, but as a viable means of getting to work in the morning.

Doré admitted that the bike path situation in Montréal is still a "work in progress". He did promise, however, that if he's re-elected, he will add 25 km of bike paths in order to make the downtown area more accessible to cyclists from different parts of the island.

Montréal's current mayor concluded by urging people to see how much the environmental situation in Montréal has improved since he took office in 1986.

Choquette maintained that the answer to Montréal's problems lies in implementing the proper fiscal policies.

"If we want to have businesses in Montréal, we have to be competitive. We have to stop dreaming," said Choquette.

The students obviously disagreed.

SENATE BRIEFS — OCTOBER 12

Last week's Senate saw: the passing of a new graduate program in Music; a huge debate on McGill's budget (or lack thereof); a report from the new Ombudsperson; report from the Appeals committee; Board of Governor's actions; and a report on the sexual assault policy.

The university budget

VP Administration and Finance John Armour presented a Financial Report to Senate. The report includes the 93/94 actual figures, the 94/95 Budget Report prepared last May, and the 95/96 budget, including projected budget cuts and estimates. The 95/96 estimates show a net budget cut of \$8 million which would mean a cut of about 3.5% from each faculty's budget.

Principal Bernard Shapiro then announced that the Planning and Priorities (P&P) Subcommittee of the Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee (APPC) will study and create the 95/96 university budget. It is hoped that the much more accessible P&P, which is chaired by VP Planning and Resources François Tavenas, can duplicate the work of the confidential meetings of the Budget Planning Group (BPG).

Ombudsperson's report

Professor Estelle Hopmeyer, the university Ombudsperson for students, presented the seventh annual report to Senate for 1993/94. There were 203 cases reported, of which 116 were academic. Almost twice as many cases were reported by women than by men.

The report discussed such issues as harassment, safety and security, faculty discretion, graduate studies, and faculty concerns. Dean of Students Irwin Gopnik and SSMU VP University Affairs Jennifer Small rose to congratulate Hopmeyer on a job well-done after her first year as ombudsperson. Small stated that publicity of the ombudsperson's office should increase.

Senator Honora Shangnessy asked whether the office of the Ombudsperson for students has the capacity to handle staff concerns. Hopmeyer replied that she certainly gave advice even though it was not in her mandate. She reminded Senate that the Ombudsperson is only a half-time position, and her resources are rather limited. Tavenas rose to make an "unofficial recommendation" to urge Senate to expand the office's mandate and budget. Dean Gopnik cautioned that, when the office was created, two McGill staff associations (MAUT and MUNASA) objected having a general Ombudsperson.

Appeals Committee

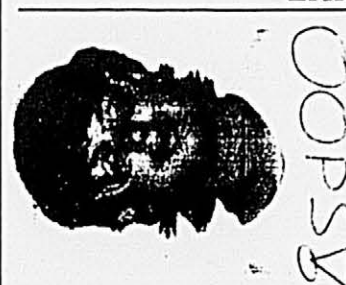
Professor Rob Mackenzie presented the annual report of the Appeals Committee for Student Discipline and Grievances which contained only one case. The case was based on a discrepancy between the Code of Student Disciplinary Procedures and the Code of Student Grievance Procedures. MacKenzie urged Dean Gopnik to consider the discrepancy in the revision of the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline. Revisions to the Code are on the agenda for the next Senate meeting.

Sexual Harassment Revision Committee

VP Academic Bill Chan moved that the Board Committee on the Regulations Concerning Complaints of Sexual Harassment be instructed to establish a newly constituted Work Group during the 94/95 academic year, to review and to submit recommendations to Senate and the Board of Governors by the end of May 1995. Chan explained that the past chair and student members have left McGill and, therefore, there was a need for a new Work Group. The motion was accepted unanimously. There was no objection to the May deadline despite the fact that student senators may not all be present at that time.

—compiled by Max Francisco and Arnold Kwok

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US troops not protecting Haitians

As many as 24 pro-democracy Haitians died after a group of rightists drove a van through a demonstration in the village of Miragoane in western Haiti on Oct. 9. Another 15 were injured. The week before, six people died in the northern city of St.-Marc when rightists drove a vehicle into a demonstration supporting deposed president Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

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Salvadoran government plans to resurrect spy network

El Salvador's Vice-Minister of Public Security, Hugo Barrera, announced a new plan for "Citizens' Corporations in Support of Public Security." The plan has been characterized as an attempt to re-establish the paramilitary network ORDEN, built up by Roberto duAubuisson as part of the infrastructure of the death squads.

The duties of these local "corporations" include responsibilities that touch off alarm bells in a society in the midst of dismantling its historically repressive state security apparatus.

Members, who would not belong to the new civilian police force, would compile lists of "anti-social" residents and report to the authorities any "suspicious movements against the security of the state."

According to the Jesuits at the University of Central America, Barrera's proposal could lead to "a police state in which control and supervision of people's liberty and daily lives would be the norm."

They speculate that the corporations are susceptible to control by ex-military officers and "certain political troglodytes," and that local ARENA party activists and business leaders linked to criminal activities by the UN's Joint Group (which investigated death squad activity in the post-ceasefire period) would "flock like parasites" to the corporations.

Source: The New York Transfer News Collective

Palestinian leader dies after returning to homeland

Samir Odeh, 43, a leader in the Palestinian and Arab communities, died Tuesday, October 11 of a massive heart attack at his family's home in Jerusalem. It was Samir's first visit to Palestine in 24 years.

Samir and his two small children arrived in his homeland on Monday, October 10, where he was greeted at the airport by more than 150 people. Hundreds of additional well-wishers visited him in the at his mother's house to celebrate his return from exile.

Samir had been a leader in the struggle for Palestinian national and human rights since his youth.

Source: New York Transfer News Collective

Demobilized soldiers take over Assembly in El Salvador

At approximately 10h on September 26, demobilized soldiers of the Armed Forces along with ex-civil defense and ex-patrol members took over El Salvador's Legislative Palace. This is the third time the assembly has been taken over by demobilized Salvadorans presenting their demands.

Forces reacted quickly, taking assault positions throughout the periphery of the Assembly. The para-militaries demanded benefits provided by the Peace Accords.

While the deputies were held hostage they refused to sign an agreement to approve reforms and decrees, and alleged that there were only 25 members and in order to conform a legislative plenary they would need the presence of 84 deputies.

According to Ruben Zamora, leader of the Democratic Convergence, it is inexplicable how the guards happened to be absent from legislative confines on the same day of the takeover.

Source: New York Transfer News Collective

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their own labs and responsibility for funds," said Greenberg.

The faculty of arts, for example, has installed some relatively cohesive computer facilities compared to those of some more diverse disciplines.

"If the students feel that the facilities are not adequate, they should present their needs to the

faculty," Greenberg added.

And that is exactly what the science students did.

When Moncar took office this academic year, he met with Associate Dean, Nicholas de Tekacsy. As a result of the students' efforts, Faculty of Science Dean Tak-Hang Bill Chan agreed to match the students' contributions for the expansion of science undergraduate computer facilities.

HYDE PARK

Not just another lesson

Opinion submitted by Yazeed Ali Yasin

Going through life everyone lives their fair share of ups and downs, one outweighing the other every once in a while. All this is hunky dory, just as long as we emerge as wiser and more judgemental members of society. What's vital is to point out these important lessons and put them aside until they become second nature just like we're told to do with formulas in Calculus. I myself have done so recently and feel obliged to let you in on it, my unknown friends.

Let me take this opportunity to introduce an important political figure to my little fairytale, Mr. Haidar Abdul-Shafi. Mr. Haidar held a recent seminar at McGill. The subject discussed was the Palestinian State and it's people, focusing on what had happened in the past couple of years during the peace talks.

Listening attentively as the speech started, a feeling of confusion over—shadowed my mind. Mr. Haidar spoke of the history of this dilemma and his continuous efforts, with his colleagues, to find a feasible solution. His words were filled with emotions yet contained historical facts and terms which were unfamiliar to myself. As the speech went on, I still was at unease, and then it happened.

A voice sprang out from the far right side of the room. A voice unlike any other in that crowd. Who it was didn't matter. What I heard I related to and understood. She [the person behind the voice] didn't need the use of political and historical statements to send her message through to us. She relied on what she felt and she knew was right. An applause filled with excitement followed, and that was the least we could do. I thank her greatly, for she has taught me an important lesson in life that I now treasure so greatly. Thank you.

And now, my unknown friends, hear this:

"You need not be a political mastermind to play a role in this dilemma. You need not have a detailed historical background on what has been going on for the past forty years. What you need is your heart. What feelings you hold, you should let out. That is what I learned from her (the voice). Letting everybody know who you are and what you stand for is what makes a difference. So next time, speak up. Let people know how you really feel. I did, and I know you can. We can't go wrong with what's in our heart, and we certainly can't afford to. Because out here in the real world, it's all we've got. And I again say thank you to the voice and soul that has inspired this article. And I finally say with absolute belief:

'One Person Can Make A Difference' "

Students protest possible tuition hikes

BY LAILA MALIK

Students gathered outside Moot Court on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 12th, to protest the Liberal Party's Green Paper, a budget proposal that would replace transfer payments from the federal government to the provinces with Income Contingency Repayment Loans.

The demonstration was organized by the Students' Society prior to Liberal Minister, Lloyd Axworthy's talk on the Green Paper, in order to let students know how the reforms will affect them as well as to make Axworthy aware of student concerns about the proposal.

"It wasn't a get-a-lot-of-people rally, it was an information demonstration," said Chair of Student Society External Affairs Committee Lisa Gruschow, one of the organizers.

Posters with facts about recent and proposed tuition hikes were put up around Chancellor Day Hall and an artificial fence was constructed with fake diplomas "for sale". A sign informed students that it was "Restricted for Rich and Privileged Only—No Trespassers."

Organizers expressed the concern that students are largely unaware of the reforms and its implications for them because of midterms.

As well, there was a general worry that Axworthy would not address student concerns specifically unless pushed to do so.

"Until we brought it up, he didn't



Activist's protest proposed reforms

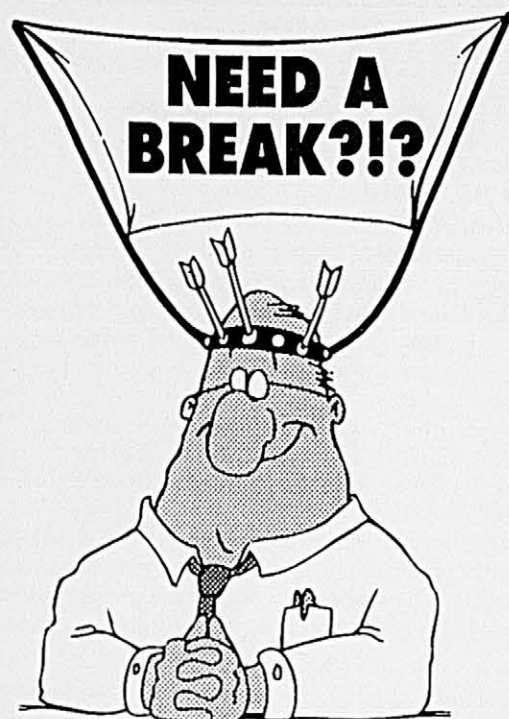
say anything about tuition fees doubling," said VP External Nick Benedict.

For copies of the discussion

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• Velatum, an exhibition of recent oil paintings by Montréal artist Antonietta Grassi will be presented at the McGill University School of Architecture Oct 13 to 24, weekdays from 9h to 17h. The works will be displayed in the Exhibition Room, 3rd floor of the McGill School of Architecture, 815 Sherbrooke W. Vernissage Thursday, Oct 13, 19h to 22h. 398-6718.

• Canadian Institute of Foreign Affairs, Montréal Branch presents Marc Perron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Africa and Middle East peace process. Thursday, Oct 20. Mt. Stephen Club, 1440 Drummond, 17:15pm, \$6. Call Pierre Côté at 3954-2260.

• The Student Christian Movement presents, "The Isreal-PLO Peace Process: Claims of Peace, Evidence of Injustice". A slide show and talk by John Ihnat, is happening on Oct 18 at 19h00 at the Yellow Door, 3625 Aylmer. Info, all 288-1707

• The Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom presents: "Film Propaganda Technique and Creation of the Hitler Myth" by Gary Evans on Oct 25 at 12h00, Spanish Renaissance music on Nov 6 at 15h00, and the Second Annual Fun Bazaar on Oct 23 from 9h00 to 18h00. These will take place at 4100 Sherbrooke W. For info call 937-3575

• The McGill Centre for Applied Family Studies presents "Providing Mentors and Role Models as Family Supports: Black Star Project" by Michael Baffoe on Oct 25 from 12h30 to 13h00 in the Wendy Patrick Room in Wilson Hall, 3506 University. For info 398-5286

• The Sexual Assault Centre of McGill's Student Society is now open. For info and referrals, Mon to Fri 9h30 to 18h00 at 398-2700. New this year, a night time Helpline, Sun to Thu 18h00 to 0h00 and Fri and Sat 18h00 to 3h00 at 398-8500.

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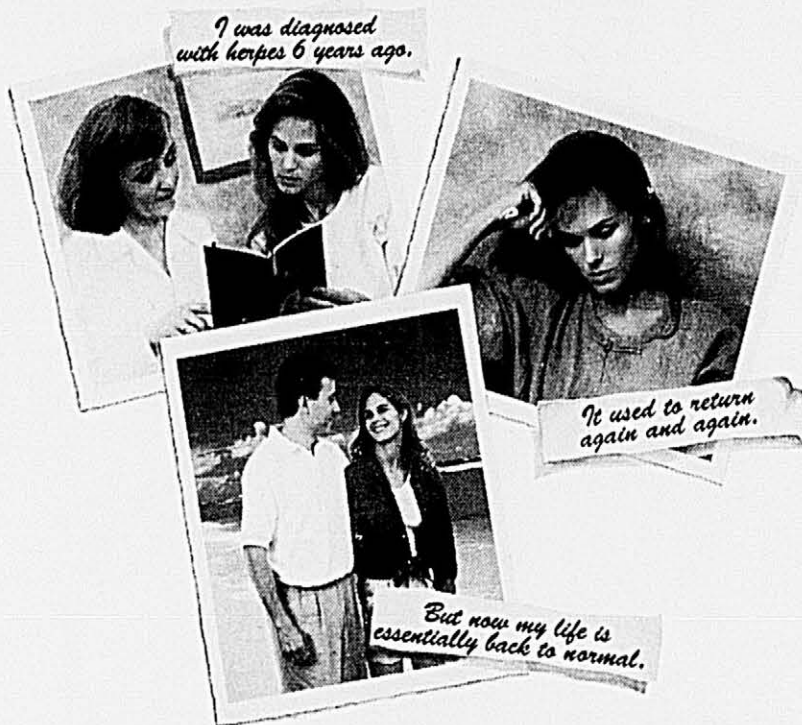
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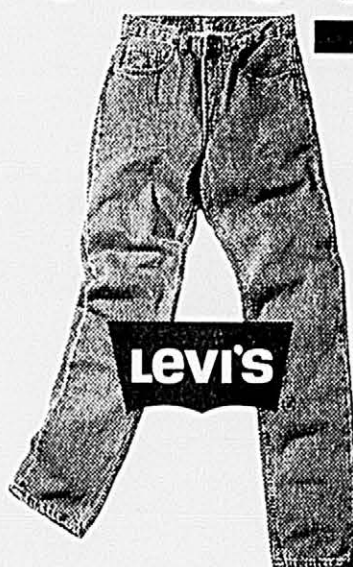
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